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SUBJECT: SECOND RUSSELL TRIBUNAL OPENS SESSION IN BRUSSELS

1. SECOND BERTRAND RUSSELL TRIBUNAL OPENED ITS SECOND SESSION ON REPRESSION IN LATIN AMERICA JANUARY 11 IN BRUSSELS IN FOLLOW UP TO SESSION IN ROME LAST APRIL. JURY COMPOSED OF POLITICAL LEADERS, SCIENTISTS, WRITERS BEGAN HEARING WITNESSES ON CHILEAN REPRESSION JANUARY 11 IN PRESENCE OF HORTENSIA ALLENDE, WIDOW OF FORMER CHILEAN PRESIDENT. KEY WITNESS TO DATE HAS BEEN FORMER CHILEAN AIR FORCE GENERAL POBLETO WHO DESCRIBED METHODS OF TORTURE EMPLOYED IN CHILE. ONLY 12 OF 31 MEMBERS OF JURY WERE PRESENT FOR OPENING SESSION INCLUDING AMCIT JAMES PETRAS, PROF. OF SOCIOLOGY AT NYU IN BINGHAMTON, N.Y. JANUARY 13 SESSION HEARD TESTIMONY ON ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BRAZIL. FORMER CIA AGENT JAMES AGEE GAVE TESTIMONY JANUARY 12 ON "CIA ROLE" IN LATIN AMERICA. TRIBUNAL SCHEDULED CONTINUE HEARINGS THROUGH JANUARY 18 ON BOLIVIA, HAITI, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, DOMINICAN
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REPUBLIC, LATIN AMERICAN INDIANS, AND MULTINATIONALS.

2. "BILL OF INDICTMENT" PRESENTED TO TRIBUNAL CALLS FOR CONDEMNING OF USG AS WELL AS MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN "PLOTS" AGAINST RIGHTS OF MAN. ALSO CALLS FOR CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF BRAZIL, CHILE, AND URUGUAY. BRANDING CHILEAN JUNTA "ILLEGITIMATE", INDICTMENT PROPOSES CALL ON GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES TO SUSPEND ALL COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

3. MADAME ALLENDE SCHEDULED SPEAK AT PUBLIC "SOLIDARITY" RALLY JANUARY 16. SIMILAR RALLY HELD IN LIEGE JANUARY 13 WITH FOUR MEMBERS OF JURY, INCLUDING FORMER PRESIDENT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC JUAN BOSCH, MAKING BRIEF REMARKS ON WORK OF TRIBUNAL. PUBLIC REACTION IN LIEGE WAS MILD AND LITTLE REAL ENTHUSIASM GENERATED BY SPEAKERS. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS TRIBUNAL SESSIONS ARE SERIOUS AND UNEMOTIONAL.FIRESTONE

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